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Poultry This Week

HENS - 13 1-2c to 14 1-2c
FRIARS, 1 1-2 to 2 lbs - 23c to 24c
FRIARS, over 2 lbs. - 16c to 17c
ROOSTERS - 6c
CREAM - 25c

Hagle & Wolcott

Get \$1,000 Reward.

At the last meeting of the State Banking Board, resolutions of the Sectional Bank Meetings were presented which endorse the action of the banking board in offering rewards for the capture dead or alive of any one guilty of bank robbery, whether committed in day or night.

Shortly after 10 o'clock last Thursday morning two heavily armed men held up the state bank of Wynona. In leaving, a merchant opened fire on the robbers and shot down both their horses. Through the efforts of a deputy sheriff from Hominy and two assistants the robbers were captured and made full confession of their acts. As a result these officers get \$1,000 cash reward from the state banking board.

This is certainly a move in the right direction. Private citizens do not care to take any chances on their lives to capture burglars when there is nothing in it for them. And they are not to be blamed very much either. But when they know that a reward of \$1,000 is awaiting the capture of the robbers, something is going to be doing which will put a stop to this nefarious business quicker than anything else.

Capons, Broilers or Roosters

Geo. Wyatt who is assistant cashier in Bank of Manitou, Manitou, Okla., captioned 25 Barred Plymouth Rock cockerels last summer when they would weigh about two pounds each. At that time forty cents was a high price for the cockerels used.

These capons picked up the waste about the barnyard and got the table scraps; but they got very little feed besides.

Most of these capons were used on the home table, but the ones which were kept until April 1916, weighed 9 pounds, and could have been sold at Manitou for 22 cents per pound.

The same chicks, not captioned, would have sold at six cents per pound, and would have weighed only about 6 pounds.

J. E. PAYNE,

Snyder, Okla.

Frisco R. R.

A Regular Pourdown.

Shortly after six o'clock Saturday evening occurred one of the heaviest rainfalls, for the time it was falling, ever seen in this locality. At nearly every home somebody was busy through the rain getting the young chickens under shelter and even then some of them drowned.

North west of town the rain was much lighter but it was heavier south east of here. Two bridges were washed out south of T. T. Myers' place and the water was over the county bridge near A. L. Smoot's place, taking off two of the planks. This is said to be the first time that water was ever over this bridge.

Rainfalls to a much greater depth have fallen at other times but it fell so fast that most of it ran off. In many instances the cotton and kafir were washed out and are being replanted.

Selling The Roosters.

A number of the farmers around Elgin have been selling off their roosters the past week getting ready for the campaign for infertile eggs. Their eyes have been opened to the fact that it is a great loss of feed and eggs to keep the roosters.

And by the way, those who are not selling their roosters may be sadly surprised in a few weeks when they bring fertile eggs to town and the merchants refuse to buy them, compelling them to take the eggs back home and feed them to the hogs. This is coming just as sure as the world is moving.

No one will buy rotten apples, or potatoes, or rotten fruit out of the store, then why should the merchant buy rotten eggs or those that will rot in shipping?

Mudbound.

Sunday morning Rev. Meeker started out in his car to fill his appointment at Beaver Bend but he did not go far until he found too much mud to make any progress, so returned to Elgin and preached here at night.

Advertise in the CHAMPION.

State Roads.

State Engineer Danford spoke at a meeting of the business men's club in Lawton Friday night and told them that he was going to recommend to the state highway commission that they withdraw their approval of all state roads in Comanche county except the Meridian road and one running east and west through Lawton.

Should the state commission follow his instructions the state roads in this county will be about where they were in the beginning, with little prospects for any state roads very soon.

The state commission has the authority to do this if it sees fit, as that is the body that establishes the state roads in the first place, though the commission is generally governed by recommendations from the county board of commissioners.

When there are no objections to the roads as recommended by the county commissioners the state commission establishes such roads as state roads without spending any time to make further investigations as to the suitability of these roads for state roads.

Fruit Prospects Good.

While the freeze on April 9 killed all the peaches, there is a good prospect for nearly all other kinds of fruit. Strawberries have been on the market for some time, cherries are now ready to pick and other fruit soon will be, with plenty of apples later.

One lamentable fact is that the writer's prospects were all on peaches, so that his hopes were all in peaches, so that his hopes were blasted at the same time that the peach buds were.

Cable Gets Route.

In the recent examination for carrier on route 2 at Fletcher to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of John Miller, Julius Himes made the highest grade and Jess Cable made the second grade.

Himes does not want the route so that leaves Cable in line for the appointment.

One Cent Did It.

In submitting bids to the county commissioners for grading road on Section 3, miles 3 to 10, the bid of J. W. Head of Chandler township was \$539.99 and that of E. D. Walbridge was \$600. The contract was let to Head as being the lowest and best bidder.

Allen Arrested.

One day last week some officers arrested and took away Tom Allen, colored, who lives in a house on A. A. Williams place east of town. What the charges against him are was not learned.

Wednesday Elgin Markets

Corn	68
wheat	1.09
Oats	.34
Kafir, per bu., threshed	.45
Hogs	8.95
Cream	.25
Butter	20-25
Eggs	15
Hens	18 1-2 to 14 1-2
Springers	23 24
Cox	6

Kitchen Cabinet.

Contest at E. Stone's.
R. A. Harrel 129,840 votes.
C. E. Sellers 128,865 votes.
Two highest in contest. (Adv)

Metodist Church.

Sunday school every Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.
Prayer meeting every Thursday night.
Epworth League every Sunday night.
Ladies' Aid meets every two weeks on Thursday afternoon.
Choir practice every Friday night.

Get your sale bill printed at the CHAMPION office.

Look Out For Them.

A bunch of Lawton business men will leave that place on Wednesday, June 7, for a three days' trade excursion and no doubt will swoop down upon the unwary citizens of the surrounding towns like a band of Gypsies.

To all our neighboring sister towns it is recommended that for these three days they place all valuables in their bank vaults, and to have their shot guns well cleaned and oiled, ready to stand guard over any property that is too bulky to be stored out of sight.

And there may also be a few political candidates among the number. If so, do not fail to greet them with a smile and the glad hand of fellowship, and a few encouraging words for all fellows who deserve the sympathy of the entire public it is the candidate.

Now look out for them to arrive sometime between the hour that the chandelier's shrill clarion heralds the coming of morn on June 7 and the hour when the lowering of the king dies away in the distance on June 9.

On The Elgin Routes.

Rauben McCourtney came from Marlow last Wednesday night for a visit at the home of his grandparents, C. E. Walling and wife, on route 3.

Nonh Loftis of Vici is visiting at the home of his cousin, Otto Sims, on route 3.

Substitute Creamer carried the mail for John Cost on route 3 Monday.

Some of the farmers along route 2 have plowed up their wheat and oats which was damaged by the Hessian fly.

Carrier Lasley reports four bridges washed out on his route by the rain Saturday evening.

Building A House.

Upon returning from Brinkman, John Cost reports that A. J. James is building himself a fine six room house there.

And also that last year Mr. James purchased for himself a caponizing set which he used on all his cockerels, Brown Leghorns and all, which he sold at maturity for 23 cents per pound, averaging him \$1.38 per head.

Mr. Cost says he found Comanche county far in the lead on crop prospects. Wheat, he said, looked fairly good as far west as Hobart, and then it was very poor, with very dry weather.

Frisco Bridges Burned.

Early Monday morning word was received here giving instructions as to how to handle the dispatch of mail, owing to the burning of a bridge on the Frisco between Indianola and Snyder. Trains from the east and west met there, made a transfer of their loads and then would back out. It was placed in condition to pass over Tuesday morning.

Advertised List.

The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the Elgin, Okla. postoffice June 1, 1916.

Koger, B. C.

Moore, Miss Etta.

In calling for the above please say "Advertised."

H. P. WETTENGEL,

Postmaster.

Light Prospects.

E. West returned Saturday from Enid where he had been to attend the high school commencement exercises. He says the wheat prospects in the northern part of the state are very poor and there are no oats at all. Other crops are not very promising.

Trains Annulled.

On account of a freight wreck between here and Ft. Sill Monday morning, both the morning passenger trains were annulled and Elgin had no train service that day until late in the afternoon.

HARVEST TIME

Is almost here, and you will need to lay in a good supply of groceries and many other things which are to be found at our store.

It is advisable to buy early, as prices are getting higher as the demand increases, and you may regret not having stocked up with supplies for the harvest season.

Remember we give green trading stamps with all cash or produce purchases.

Yours anxious to please,

The "Old Reliable"

L. C. COFFIN, PROP.

State Fair Premium List.

The forerunner of a big and prosperous State Fair—the 1916 Premium List, has been issued and is ready for distribution. All rules and regulations and premiums in the twenty-three departments for the tenth annual Oklahoma State Fair and Exposition, to be held September 23 to 30, are outlined. A copy may be secured free on request to L. S. Mahan, Secretary, Oklahoma City.

New features this year are the Cotton Show, the Milk and Cream Show and a model dairy house to be conducted by government and state dairy departments.

Many thousands of dollars are listed for premiums in the live stock classes. Two new clubs have been added to the Boys' and Girls' club contests, Crop Rotation and Peanut. The "breeding phase" has been included in the Boys' Pig club, offering many prizes for breeding records.

Amusement features are more numerous than in previous years. Auto races for two days, harness and running races four days, football, bands, Hippodrome show, Jones Exposition shows on the Midway are mentioned. The spectacular "Last Days of Pompeii," a pantomime with three hundred people, will be produced each night, for the first time in Oklahoma.

Extra Copies.

The oration on "Oklahoma" by Waldo Wettengel has been printed in leaflet form because of the demand for copies. Any one wishing copies to send to friends or relatives can get them free of charge.

Laborers Scarce.

Last week the Elgin postmaster sent in a requisition for stamped envelopes containing the route 3 return card and the department at Washington sent it back with the following explanation.

"The Stamped Envelope factory is somewhat behind in the production of printed envelopes, on account of unusually heavy requisitions and difficulty in obtaining a sufficient force of operatives in the existing shortage of skilled labor."

"For the present, therefore, the department has suspended the furnishing of printed 'office request' envelopes, and your requisition is canceled. Patrons should be advised that the discontinuance is only temporary."

Teachers Employed.

The Elgin school board has re-employed J. H. Willhite as principal of the school next year at an advance of \$100 in salary. This will make his fourth year as principal here.

Miss Cora Ray has been re-employed provided she accepts same, which will make her fourth year also. Miss Mildred Mullen has been re-employed in the primary room and Miss Jennie Hamilton of near Letitia has been employed to teach the grammar grade, making a total of four teachers with 12 years of work.

Doing Nicely.

Friends here have received word from T. O. Miller and wife at Guthrie that she was operated upon two weeks ago today and is doing nicely. They expect to return home in a few days.

Before Buying, Get Our Prices
On Bran, Shorts and Other Feed.

We Sell Salt

Brunskill Elevator

H. G. SMITH, MANAGER